THE BY-LAWS OF THE Musical Society, AT THE CASTLE-TAVERN, in *Pater-Noster-Row.*

THAT all By-Laws of this Society made before the fourteenth Day of *March*, 1731. be annulled, and that the following be the By-Laws of this Society. Repeal of former By-Laws.

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II.

Future By-Laws, how to be made.

THAT no Reſolution of any General Meeting of this Society ſhall be valid, or be a By-Law of this Society, unleſs the ſame ſhall be confirmed by the Majority of the Members preſent at the next General Meeting of the Society.

III.

General Courts when to be held, and how to be called.

THAT there be a General Meeting held on every firſt *Wedneſday* in *April*, another on every firſt *Wedneſday* in *September*, and a third on every ſecond *Wedneſday* in *September*. And that no other General Meetings be held, unleſs called by Order of the Majority of the Managers in Writing under their Hands, or by Twenty-four Members demanding the ſame; and if ſuch Demand be made between *Michaelmas*, and the two laſt Concert-Nights before *Lady-day*, the Steward for the Month ſhall call the ſame, and cauſe Notice to be given thereof in Writing, to be laid on the Steward's Desk two Concert-Nights before ſuch General Meeting: But if ſuch Demand be made at any other time of the

the Year, then the Managers ſhall call the ſame, and cauſe Notice thereof to be given in Writing to all the Members living within the Bills of Mortality. And that all Queſtions at any General Meetings of the Society ſhall be determined by Ballot, provided eleven Members ſhall demand the ſame.

All Queſtions to be determined by Ballot if demanded.

IV.

THAT at the General Meeting on the firſt *Wedneſday* in *September*, Perſons be propoſed to be elected into the ſeveral Offices of Preſident, Treaſurer, Managers, and Stewards for the enſuing Year; and that out of the Perſons ſo named, there ſhall be elected on the *Wedneſday* following, ſix Managers, by, and out of the performing Members, who ſhall execute the Office of Preſident by a monthly Rotation; four Managers, and ſix Stewards, by, and out of the Auditor Members, and a Treaſurer by the whole Society. And that in all future Elections, no more than four of the Performing Managers, and two of the Auditor Managers, ſhall be eligible into the ſame Office for the enſuing Year. And no Perſon ſhall be hereafter eligible into

Time and Manner of electing the Preſident, Treaſurer, and the other Officers.

And who eligible.

the Office of an Auditor-Manager, who ſhall not have ſerved the Office of Steward.

V.

Who to be Chairman at General Courts; and his Duty.

THE Preſident for the time being, or ſome Member deputed by him, ſhall be Chairman at every General Meeting; and ſhall put every Queſtion, which ſhall have been moved, ſeconded, and fully debated; and ſhall not adjourn the Court, 'till the Majority of the Members preſent, have, upon the Queſtion put, agreed thereto.

VI.

Office of the Preſident.

THE Preſident for the time being ſhall appoint the Muſick to be performed each Night; ſhall keep the Keys of the Muſical Books and Inſtruments, and be at the Concert before ſix of the Clock, on Forfeiture of Two Shillings and Six-pence, unleſs hindered by Sickneſs, or other ſufficient Cauſe.

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THE Treaſurer ſhall keep the Caſh of the Society, and an Account of their Expences; ſhall inſure from Fire their Goods, Books and Inſtruments, and enter an Inventory thereof, with the Coſt, or Value of them, in the Society's Caſh-Books. Office of the Treaſurer.

VIII.

THE Preſident, Treaſurer, and Steward for the Month, with the other Performing, and Auditor Members elected for that Purpoſe, ſhall be Managers, and ſhall have the Direction of all Affairs of this Society, not otherwiſe provided for by theſe By-Laws. Who to be Managers, and their Office.

IX.

THE Managers ſhall be ſummoned by the Steward for the Month, by Notice Meetings of Managers, how to be ſummoned.

in Writing left at their Houſes two Days before the Day of Meeting; but not to be ſummoned without an Order in Writing, ſigned by the Preſident and three Managers. And every thing done at any Meeting of the Managers, unleſs ſo ſummoned, or all preſent, ſhall be void; and no Buſineſs ſhall be done, unleſs five Managers, at leaſt, be preſent at their Meeting.

X.

Office of the Stewards.

THE Stewards ſhall officiate by a monthly Rotation; ſhall keep a Minute-Book of all the Orders and Reſolutions of the Society and Managers; ſhall take care of the Expences each Night, demand and receive all Forfeits, lay the Caſh-Book and Minute-Books of the Society upon the Desk, to be peruſed by the Members; and do ſuch other Buſineſs, as the Stewards have uſually done, not otherwiſe provided for by theſe By-Laws: And if abſent at ſix of the Clock, or ſhall leave the Chair during the Performance, or longer than twenty Minutes after the firſt Act, ſhall forfeit for

each Offence Two Shillings and Sixpence, unleſs he provides one other of the Stewards, or ſome Member of this Society to officiate for him, who ſhall be ſubject to the like Penalties.

XI.

Accidental Vacancies amongſt the Managers and Stewards, how to be ſupplied.

If any Vacancy ſhall happen, during the Seaſon, in the Body of Managers or Stewards, the remaining Managers or Stewards ſhall reſpectively chuſe another to ſupply the ſame for the Remainder of the Year.

XII.

Nomination of Members, by whom.

Number of Auditor Members.

The Perſons to be admitted Members ſhall be nominated by the Performing Members; and the Auditor Members ſhall not exceed One hundred and ſixty. And no Perſon ſhall be admitted, either a Member-Performer, or Auditor, unleſs a Paper ſigned by the propoſing Member, with the Name, Habitation, and Addition of ſuch Perſon propoſed, be laid on the Steward's Desk by ſix of

the Clock, for the Peruſal of the Members, one Concert-Night before his Election, or be laid upon the Table at one of the General Meetings in *September*.

XIII.

Manner of admitting Performing Members.

Every Perſon propoſed for a Member-Performer, ſhall play for his Approbation before the Members-Performers preſent at the Concert-Houſe, between the Hours of ſix and ſeven of the Clock; and not be admitted, unleſs choſe by three Fourths of the Members-Performers preſent the next Concert-Night, by a Ballot, between ſix and ſeven, wherein each Perſon propoſed ſhall be ballotted for ſingly.

XIV.

Manner of admitting Auditor Members.

EVERY Perſon propoſed for a Member-Auditor ſhall be ballotted for ſingly, on the Concert-Night next after his Nomination, betwixt ſix and ſeven of the Clock; and, if elected by a Majority of Mana-

Managers and Performing-Members, ſhall be admitted.

XV.

EVERY Member ſhall, on his Admiſſion, pay four Guineas to the Steward for the firſt Seaſon, and two Guineas annually afterwards to the Treaſurer, on, or before, the laſt Day of *Auguſt*; which if neglected, he ſhall not be deemed a Member, unleſs readmitted the ſame Seaſon by a Majority of the Managers before the Number of Auditor-Members be compleated; and if any Perſon ſhall not pay his Admiſſion-Money within ſeven Days after his Election, any other Perſon may be choſen, and admitted in his Room. Contribution of the Members.

XVI.

THAT the Society meet every *Wedneſday* Evening between *Michaelmas-day* and *Lady-day*; and the Concert begin at ſeven of the Clock preciſely; and that there be an Interval between eight and nine of the Clock of half an Hour only. Concert, when to be held.

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Performers to provide their own Inſtruments, &c.

EVERY Performer ſhall provide his own Inſtrument, (except the Harpſichord and Double Baſs,) and ſhall play in the Concert on the ſame Inſtrument which he play'd on for his Approbation, and on no other, unleſs ſuch Member is afterwards approved on again by the Performers on ſuch other Inſtrument as he deſires to play on; or unleſs he be deſired by the Preſident, or firſt Fiddle for the Night, to play on ſome other Inſtrument, under the Penalty of Five Shillings for each Night he ſhall offend as aforeſaid.

XVIII.

Forfeitures of the Members for coming after ſeven.

EVERY Member who comes into the Concert-Room after ſeven of the Clock, not having before appeared, and entered his Name with the Steward, ſhall forfeit One Shilling.

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EVERY Member who does not ſeat himſelf before the Muſick begins, ſhall forfeit One Shilling. For not ſeating themſelves in time.

XX.

ANY Member who comes into the Concert-Room, or removes from one Place to another, whilſt any Piece of Muſick is performing, ſhall forfeit One Shilling. For entering the Room, or changing Seat during the Performance.

XXI.

IF any Member ſpeak aloud, clap, hiſs, or make other loud Noiſe, at, or during, the Performance, he ſhall forfeit Two Shillings and Sixpence. For ſpeaking loud, Clapping, Hiſſing, &c.

XXII.

EVERY Auditor-Member who ſhall go amongſt, or overlook any of the Performers during the Performance, ſhall forfeit Two Shillings and Sixpence. For going amongſt, or overlooking the Performers.

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No Strangers to be admitted beyond the Hatch.

THAT no Perſon, not being a Member or Performer for the Night, be admitted by the Door-keeper, beyond the Hatch at the Head of the Stairs during the time of Performance; and no Member ſhall order any Perſon to be ſo admitted under the Penalty of Five Shillings.

Penalty for ordering the ſame.

XXIV.

For introducing any Perſon except, &c.

IF any Member introduce any Perſon into the Concert-Room on the Concert-Night (except a Performer, permitted by the Managers preſent) he ſhall forfeit One Guinea, or be expelled.

XXV.

For offering or accepting Benefit Tickets

NO Tickets for any Concert or Benefit ſhall be offered to, or accepted in the Concert-Room by, any Member of this Society, on the Concert-Nights, on the Forfeiture of double the Value of the ſame for either Offence.

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IF any Member ſhall otherwiſe miſbehave himſelf at any of the Society's Meetings, in the Opinion of the Majority of the Members preſent, he ſhall forfeit One Guinea, or be expelled. For any general Miſbehaviour.

XXVII.

THE Gallery and Box in the Concert-Room ſhall be reſerved for Ladies only, to be admitted by the Society's Tickets; and no Member ſhall remain in the Gallery, or converſe with the Ladies in the Box, during the Performance, on the Forfeiture of Five Shillings. About the Gallery and Box.

XXVIII.

TWO Tickets for Ladies ſhall be delivered each Concert-Night by the Steward for the Month, to thirty two Members by Seniority; and the Preſident and Steward for the Month ſhall be allowed each Night two Tickets. Number of Tickets to be delivered.

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Tickets to be ſent to the Members.

THE Tickets for the firſt Concert-Night ſhall be ſent to the Members entitled thereto, by the Steward, one Week before; and thoſe Tickets which ſhall not be taken away by the Members on every other Concert-Night, ſhall be carried the next Day by the Meſſenger to their Houſes within *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and *Southwark*, who ſhall each pay One Shilling to the Meſſenger for bringing the ſame; and the Tickets of other Perſons not reſiding within *London*, *Weſtminſter*, and *Southwark*, to be left with the Steward for the Month, and unleſs taken away by twelve a Clock, on *Tueſday*, to be forfeited to the Uſe of the Steward.

XXX.

The Tickets to be brought to the Steward's Deſk at ſeven.

THE Gallery-Keeper ſhall bring and lay all the Tickets at ſeven of the Clock on the Steward's Deſk, to be examined by the Steward and Members; and ſhall admit no Ladies into the Gallery or Box without Tickets, on Pain of Suſpenſion.

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THE officiating Steward ſhall provide a ſufficient Refreſhment of Wine for the Members between the Acts, and take care that the Houſe-Bill do not exceed in any one Night, the Sum of Four Pounds, on Penalty of his paying the Overplus; and no Perſon but the Steward ſhall call for Wine on the Society's Account, on the Forfeit of Ten Shillings. About the Wine and Houſe Bill.

XXXII.

THE Treaſurer's and Steward's Accompts ſhall be audited, and ſigned, by the Majority of the Managers, to be laid before the Society at the General Meeting, to be held on every firſt *Wedneſday* in *September*, and every Member elected an Officer of this Society ſhall ſerve the ſame, or be fined Two Guineas to the Uſe of this Society. About auditing the Treaſurer's and Steward's Accompts.

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About the admitting any Perſon to ſing, or perform occaſionally in the Concert.

THAT no Perſon be admitted to ſing, or perform in the Concert, without Leave of the Preſident for the Time being, and the Majority of the Performing Managers preſent; and that the Door-keeper do not permit any of the Drawers of the Houſe to come into the Concert-Room during the Performance: It being intended, that the Society's Servants only ſhall deliver all the Meſſages to the Members in the Concert-Room.

XXXIV.

Table of Members Names to be hung up.

THAT a Table of the Members Names, according to their Seniority, be annually made, and hung up in a Frame in the Concert-Room every Concert-Night; and that theſe, and all future By-Laws, be printed, and given to each Member by the Steward.